New Beginnings

TaShena Melton is our new history teacher from Merriville, IN. We interviewed Mrs. Melton and asked how she got into teaching. She shared with us that her children have attended Calumet Christian School for seven years. During this time, she had an opportunity to serve on the school board. Due to the school board and her love for CCS, Mrs. Melton changed her career. This is her testimony: "I do not have a “special date” that I can say I was saved on. I have even at times been jealous of those people who do have an exact date they can say proudly. I grew up in church. One day while in church, I saw friends getting baptized and I wanted to get baptized. I had to be saved first and since I believed in Jesus and that he died for my sin and rose again, I then told my parents I was saved and they allowed me to be baptized. But growing up in church sometimes means you don’t really KNOW Christ as much as you know all the facts about Him. Somewhere along the line as I grew older, I began to see that those verses I memorized and those facts I knew about Christ were far more than just assignments I completed in Sunday School or Bible Study and although I can’t give a date on when that happened, I can say that I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that I am saved by the Grace of God and that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. “-Essence Burns

Reynaldo Cortez

This year several new students are attending our school. One of them is Reynold Cortez, a seventh grader, who transferred from St. John Bosco. He enjoys drawing and his favorite food is chicken. He tells us, “So far, Calumet Christian is really good.” His favorite thing in general about CCS is the people and the study halls. A fun fact about Reynaldo is that his favorite team is the Cubs. —Tiffany Ceaser

Family Night

Calumet Christian School has family night every month at a participating local restaurant. Family night is a chance for CCS families to support their school and give their children an even more advanced curricula. The funds raised at these family nights went to purchase a playground. Also it gives us the chance to allow our students to have extracurricular activities to occupy their time. You may get the opportunity to meet our staff and student body on Thursday, October 19th at Pizza Hut in Griffith, IN. SEE YOU THERE! -Bobby D
Coin Challenge

The school raised money to support the victims of Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Harvey. School staff, elementary, middle school, and high school helped by putting coins in the jar labeled with their grade, located in the foyer. All money collected will be going to The Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief, which has provided many meals to the Red Cross. We raised a total of $206.44. The first graders raised the most, with a total of $72.03. Thanks for doing your part to help out.

-Malcolm Burns

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